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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1951 (b)	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538	1,330,800
1952 (b)	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719	1,359,100
1953 (b)	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b)	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
1956	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623	1,649,000
At 30th June, 1957 (estimated) ..	1,348,904	1,324,594	2,673,498	1,677,100
30th September, 1957 (estimated) ..	1,357,414	1,333,702	2,691,116	..

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	
Year ended 31st December—								
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·28	22·21	10·30	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·63	22·93	9·95	22·29
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·03	22·36	9·45	21·15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7·91	(a) 22·28	(a) 9·19	19·30
1955	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7·94	(a) 22·30	(a) 8·92	18·37
1956	20,137	58,393	23,886	1,128	(a) 7·73	(a) 22·42	(a) 9·17	19·32
1957					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a)			
March Quarter	4,754	15,273	5,378	326	7·19	23·09	8·13	21·34
June Quarter	5,183	14,544	5,728	286	7·77	21·82	8·59	19·66
September Quarter	4,376	14,958	7,157	307	6·52	22·30	10·67	20·52

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Year ended 31st December—		Quarter ended 30th June—		Quarter ended 30th September—	
	1955.	1956.	1956.	1957. (a)	1956.	1957. (a)
Tuberculosis	222	194	40	37	56	46
Malignant Neoplasms	3,532	3,658	931	969	924	928
Diabetes	420	458	132	120	139	123
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	3,060	3,249	794	772	1,020	931
Diseases of the Heart	7,538	7,988	1,910	1,887	2,541	2,406
General Arteriosclerosis	791	940	203	203	334	295
Pneumonia	568	641	128	114	255	313
Nephritis and Nephrosis	311	311	60	64	98	86
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	602	657	149	186	158	181
Accidents	1,216	1,258	343	387	344	376

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.(c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarrying	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1948—July ..	131.6	342.7	474.3	4.7	192.6	42.5	63.0	35.0	45.8	44.4
1952—June ..	153.7	385.4	539.1	5.2	218.7	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	385.8	536.7	5.3	221.5	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	402.0	556.8	4.9	233.2	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1955—June ..	158.2	418.0	576.2	4.8	242.9	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0
1956—June ..	160.2	423.2	583.4	4.8	246.2	53.6	72.1	37.8	61.7	53.8
1957—January	160.1	423.6	583.7	4.6	244.9	51.4	73.3	38.1	63.3	55.3
February	160.6	425.7	586.3	4.6	246.6	51.4	73.3	38.1	63.3	55.3
March ..	160.5	426.0	586.5	4.7	247.2	51.4	73.5	37.7	63.2	55.3
April ..	161.5	423.8	585.3	4.6	246.0	50.6	73.8	37.7	63.0	55.9
May ..	162.3	423.4	585.7	4.6	245.8	50.7	74.4	37.9	62.7	56.0
June ..	162.7	423.1	585.8	4.6	245.6	50.6	74.9	37.9	62.6	56.1
FEMALES.										
1948—July ..	30.4	166.2	196.6	0.1	79.3	0.8	10.5	29.7	15.5	52.5
1952—June ..	36.9	173.6	210.5	0.1	80.5	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	173.7	209.3	0.1	83.0	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	185.8	222.1	0.1	91.0	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1955—June ..	39.2	193.2	232.4	0.1	93.6	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8
1956—June ..	41.9	196.8	238.7	0.1	94.9	1.3	11.6	33.7	24.3	63.0
1957—January	40.9	197.2	238.1	0.1	93.9	1.4	11.6	32.8	25.4	64.2
February	41.0	201.3	242.3	0.1	97.3	1.4	11.6	32.8	25.4	64.2
March ..	40.9	203.0	243.9	0.1	98.8	1.4	11.6	32.8	25.5	63.9
April ..	42.1	200.2	242.3	0.1	96.5	1.4	11.5	32.7	25.2	65.1
May ..	42.1	199.5	241.6	0.1	95.5	1.4	11.5	32.7	25.2	65.4
June ..	42.1	198.7	240.8	0.1	94.7	1.4	11.4	32.8	25.3	65.2
PERSONS.										
1948—July ..	162.0	508.9	670.9	4.8	271.9	43.3	73.5	64.7	61.3	96.9
1952—June ..	190.6	559.0	749.6	5.3	299.2	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	559.5	746.0	5.4	304.5	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	587.8	778.9	5.0	324.2	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1955—June ..	197.4	611.2	808.6	4.9	336.5	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8
1956—June ..	202.1	620.0	822.1	4.9	341.1	54.9	83.7	71.5	86.0	116.8
1957—January	201.0	620.8	821.8	4.7	338.8	52.8	84.9	70.9	88.7	119.5
February	201.6	627.0	828.6	4.7	343.9	52.8	84.9	70.9	88.7	119.5
March ..	201.4	629.0	830.4	4.8	346.0	52.8	85.1	70.5	88.7	119.2
April ..	203.6	624.0	827.6	4.7	342.5	52.0	85.3	70.4	88.2	121.0
May ..	204.4	622.9	827.3	4.7	341.3	52.1	85.9	70.6	87.9	121.4
June ..	204.8	621.8	826.6	4.7	340.3	52.0	86.3	70.7	87.9	121.3

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures subject to revision. See note (c) re Factories.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) In this issue, the old series of estimated employment in factories has been replaced by a series showing actual monthly employment in factories as recorded at successive Annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1957, with interim estimates for subsequent months. Figures for "Private Employment" and "Total" employment have been amended accordingly.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF
CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0
1957—May ..	255 0	252 0	252 0	252 0	259 0	255 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956, automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS
DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	s. d.
1953—November ..	237 0
1954—February ..	238 0
May ..	237 0
August ..	236 0
November ..	234 0
1955—February ..	235 0
May ..	237 0
August ..	240 0
November ..	246 0
1956—February ..	251 0
May ..	256 0
August (b) ..	263 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. By amendment to the Labour and Industry Act, automatic adjustments to the basic wage was discontinued after the August, 1956, adjustment.

(b) Automatic adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers was discontinued after August, 1956.

NOTE.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1956 ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,665	385
1955—September Qr.	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
December Qr.	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68
1956—March Qr. ..	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,545	302
June Qr. ..	7	5,287	110	5,397	10,114	33
September Qr.	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	29
December Qr.	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	21
1957—March Qr. ..	13	5,077	..	5,077	1,716	6
June Qr. ..	9	1,423	159	1,582	2,540	8
September Qr.	10	1,335	95	1,430	4,584	16
December Qr.	15	893	199	1,092	4,604	16

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955 ..	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
„ 1956 ..	2,567	2,529	2,540	2,538	2,592	2,564
„ 1957 ..	2,562	2,525	2,551	2,532	2,586	2,559
1956—March Quarter	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478
June Quarter..	2,555	2,514	2,516	2,520	2,582	2,551
September Qr.	2,628	2,594	2,607	2,597	2,659	2,626
December Qr.	2,603	2,572	2,587	2,585	2,644	2,601
1957—March Quarter	2,546	2,519	2,528	2,523	2,582	2,544
June Quarter..	2,573	2,533	2,560	2,543	2,594	2,570
September Qr.	2,568	2,523	2,556	2,535	2,534	2,565
December Qr.	2,560	2,524	2,560	2,526	2,585	2,557

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usage which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from homes produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 " ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 " ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 " ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 " ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 " ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 " ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 " ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 " ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 " ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 " ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 " ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 " ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56 " ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338
1956-57 " ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	342	311	371	353
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	358	301	382	358
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	370	303	393	366
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	378	309	401	373
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	374	310	396	371
November ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	341	314	371	354
December ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	322	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	319	316	353	342
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	326	318	358	346
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	330	315	361	347
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	330	313	362	348
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	320	311	354	341
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	524	353	283	467	364	330	305	363	346
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	335	306	365	348
September ..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	331	303	362	344
October ..	398	240	424	353	295	457	358	317	304	349	336
November ..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	313	(b) 308	343	333
December ..	397	236	(b)419	346	293	457	(b)354	315	(b) 304	345	333

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—During 1956 supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated upwards and downwards between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "All Groups". Indexes for these items were reconstructed by the Commonwealth Statistician by excluding potatoes and onions. Indexes shown in the above table however include potatoes and onions for these items for purposes of comparability with indexes for previous years.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 ..	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1949-50 ..	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51 ..	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52 ..	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53 ..	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54 ..	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55 ..	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1955-56 ..	112,649	18,113	4,343	5,903	58,385	361,848	760,667
1956-57 ..	118,788	19,207	4,680	6,199	59,648	373,121	791,026
1st July, 1957 to 23rd December, 1957.. ..	120,601	19,611	4,829	6,208	30,115	378,797	805,813

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 ..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 ..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 ..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 ..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 ..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 ..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53 ..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54 ..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55 ..	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1955-56 ..	4,143	1,412	12,310	1,674
1956-57 ..	23,938	5,073	11,750	1,545
1st July, 1957 to 23rd December, 1957	12,870(c)	4,564	6,294(c)	1,514

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) To 28th December, 1957.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
1956	57,452	13,974	97,402	168,828	5,279	2,909
1957	58,204	14,131	101,319	173,654	6,058	2,717
At 31st December, 1957	58,766	14,171	103,604	176,541	6,281	2,767

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–18 War, 1939–45 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–18 War, and 1939–45 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938–39 Year ..	188	686	548	3,100	2,243	4,751	2,979	8,537
1952–53	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953–54	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954–55	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1955–56	457	2,373	686	3,688	1,614	4,476	2,757	10,537
1956–57	482	2,522	622	3,226	1,594	4,128	2,698	9,876
<i>Cleared.</i>								
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938–39 Year ..	195	757	495	2,886	2,299	4,837	2,989	8,480
1952–53	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953–54	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954–55	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1955–56	429	2,190	484	2,691	1,842	5,592	2,755	10,473
1956–57	424	2,192	520	2,729	1,755	4,914	2,699	9,835

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955	297,348	146	297,494
1956	299,296	53	299,349
1957	254,884	62	254,946
Six months ended 31st December, 1957 (a)	137,218	70	137,288
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955	216,508	64	216,572
1956	209,519	36	209,555
1957	252,508	3,244	255,752
Six months ended 31st December, 1957 (a)	113,570	5	113,575

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1957.	31st December, 1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS ..	373	754	988	1,127
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.	1,849	2,327	4,273	4,176
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	96	127	169	223
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	774	2,758	2,691	3,532
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	29	22	47	51
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS	642	675	1,015	1,317
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	1,791	1,962	3,034	3,753
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	12,235	11,388	18,411	23,623
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	9,198	7,779	15,463	16,977
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	794	834	1,227	1,628
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	582	618	914	1,200
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES	11,452	14,695	27,477	26,147
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	2,348	2,307	5,397	4,655
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) ..	9,262	9,486	16,022	18,748
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	1,855	1,791	3,340	3,646
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	786	1,052	2,484	1,838
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	973	1,001	1,986	1,974
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD ..	3,075	2,482	4,967	5,557
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY	1,086	1,182	1,950	2,268
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	842	879	1,390	1,721
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	813	839	1,377	1,652
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	2,568	2,242	4,441	4,810
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	3,442	3,153	5,600	6,595
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	31	39	18	70
GRAND TOTAL	66,896	70,392	124,681	137,288

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Classification.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1957.	31st December, 1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	248	212	345	460
Lamb	176	1,900	1,034	2,076
Mutton	166	399	341	565
Pork	18	14	26	32
Poultry	5	4	23	9
Rabbits and Hares	542	475	1,018	1,017
Other	200	419	274	619
Preserved in Tins	1,378	1,574	1,824	2,952
Sausage Casings	276	536	590	812
Other	48	58	155	106
Butter	1,870	5,852	11,138	7,722
Cheese	251	541	1,427	792
Eggs	181	460	423	641
Milk and Cream	873	2,156	3,571	3,029
Other Animal Foodstuffs	389	387	433	776
Total, Class I...	6,621	14,987	22,627	21,608
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,671	1,364	6,263	3,035
Oats	14	2	414	16
Barley	203	45	900	248
Other	5	..	4	5
Prepared—				
Rice	13	32	82	45
Flour (white, plain)	1,787	2,189	3,582	3,976
Malt	196	171	299	367
Other	186	103	198	289
Fruits—				
Fresh	352	331	679	683
Dried	2,751	655	1,317	3,406
Preserved in liquid	2,305	432	1,987	2,737
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	451	380	1,071	831
Total, Class II.	9,934	5,704	16,796	15,638
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	151	166	352	317
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	47	71	92	118
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS...	21	6	39	27

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Subject to revision.

Classification	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1957.	31st December, 1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD- STUFFS—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	306	140	575	446
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	232	278	359	510
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	2,046	2,268	3,199	4,314
Other	16	80	55	96
Wool—				
Greasy	12,619	32,223	41,807	44,842
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	4,362	3,483	7,427	7,845
Other Animal Substances	35	41	102	76
Total, Class VI.	19,616	38,513	53,524	58,129
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	51	27	101	78
CLASS VII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL	306	323	567	629
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES	1,391	2,197	2,002	3,588
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	55	36	108	91
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	525	508	1,516	1,033
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY	3,611	2,815	5,977	6,426
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	489	491	734	980
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	45	53	107	98
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	36	44	89	80
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY	221	214	387	435
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	76	73	107	149
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	168	157	302	325
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	475	680	1,116	1,155
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	1,574	1,092	2,029	2,666
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	5	..	2,985	5
Australian Produce	44,535	67,474	110,284	112,009
Other Produce	883	683	1,273	1,566
GRAND TOTAL	45,418	68,157	111,557	113,575

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months July-December 1957(a)
	1955.	1956.	1957.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	133,950	129,187	103,212	56,273
Australian Territories	1,193	1,837	1,783	850
Borneo (British)	8,872	3,901	8,210	2,857
Canada	5,662	8,230	6,539	3,914
Ceylon	7,171	2,776	3,356	1,410
East Africa (British)	1,776	1,491	1,671	816
Hong Kong	666	735	863	630
India, Republic of	6,150	6,123	7,028	4,183
Maylaya, Federation of	4,569	6,485	4,309	1,965
New Zealand	2,468	2,724	4,157	2,448
Pakistan	1,042	877	651	311
Rhodesia	1,978	1,604	1,275	835
Singapore	1,274	436	95	20
South Africa, Union of	1,690	1,260	1,030	862
Other British Possessions	1,954	1,351	1,530	465
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	4,195	2,311	423	181
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	6,369	9,455	10,697	8,676
Austria	1,472	1,607	1,136	558
Belgium	3,389	3,229	2,598	995
Brazil	854	397	491	137
China	422	621	751	527
Czechoslovakia	821	1,092	821	515
Finland	1,602	1,353	1,255	692
France.. .. .	4,815	5,421	3,310	2,101
Germany	13,304	14,807	13,431	8,473
Indonesia, Republic of	5,185	6,432	6,513	2,611
Iran (Persia)	454	6,565	4,519	764
Italy	5,123	4,803	3,650	2,251
Japan	6,559	8,131	4,389	3,851
Netherlands	5,902	4,733	3,334	1,998
Netherlands Dependencies	1,427	2,672	1,336	542
Norway	1,532	1,665	1,273	764
Sweden	4,614	3,704	3,818	1,903
Switzerland	3,767	4,092	3,151	1,976
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	418	347	219	128
United States of America	35,744	36,592	33,250	17,651
Venezuela	403	746	988	193
Other Foreign Countries	3,109	3,856	2,884	1,869
Country not stated	46	43	201	94
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	291,941	293,691	250,147	137,289

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months July-December 1957(a)
	1955.	1956. (a)	1957. (a)	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	84,471	74,525	74,585	31,137
Australian Territories	1,803	1,991	2,111	1,160
Borneo (British)	559	619	550	379
Canada	3,325	3,564	2,877	1,755
Ceylon	3,018	2,809	3,232	1,165
Hong Kong	1,417	1,543	1,863	763
India, Republic of	5,998	4,687	8,452	1,862
Ireland, Republic of	1,059	317	707	182
Malaya, Federation of	3,657	3,205	3,695	2,040
Mauritius and Dependencies	615	310	534	280
New Zealand	10,053	10,598	12,521	7,864
Pacific Islands (British)	929	924	1,072	597
Pakistan	822	731	2,296	914
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	398	404	582	337
Singapore	3,441	4,528	4,756	2,663
South Africa, Union of	1,235	918	1,256	1,813
Other British Countries	2,413	2,326	2,436	958
Arabia	733	638	917	413
Belgium	6,049	4,563	6,252	2,364
China	358	532	1,296	907
Czechoslovakia	1,697	1,544	2,197	1,049
France	21,182	21,654	26,885	13,282
Germany	9,855	7,447	12,436	4,343
Indonesia, Republic of	1,335	2,351	2,352	1,084
Italy	11,377	11,237	17,510	7,752
Japan	12,404	19,665	31,498	11,167
Mexico	1,789	1,547	2,128	444
Netherlands	2,124	1,164	1,181	693
Phillippines	550	646	1,587	1,037
Poland	1,386	1,680	3,121	1,466
Sweden	914	999	825	785
Switzerland	750	847	902	565
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	153	..	16	4
United States of America	12,244	11,399	13,244	3,941
Other Foreign Countres	6,459	7,643	7,873	6,410
Total	216,572	209,555	255,745	113,575

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months July— December, 1957 (a)
	1955.	1956.	1957.	
Wool—				
Greasy	'000 lb. 251,970	278,130	313,425	134,374
	£'000 84,101	78,165	111,628	44,842
Scoured, Washed, and	'000 lb. 27,879	26,828	26,977	13,696
Carbonized	£'000 11,372	9,871	11,331	5,606
Tops, Noils, and Waste	'000 lb. 4,871	10,799	15,632	4,526
	£'000 1,352	4,175	6,958	2,239
Butter	'000 lb. 80,297	107,542	110,796	49,930
	£'000 13,642	16,870	17,872	7,722
Wheat	tons 564,253	412,091	481,021	117,146
	£'000 15,201	9,907	11,595	3,035
Flour (white, plain) ..	'000 lb. 441,726	448,123	502,321	261,017
	£'000 6,873	6,573	7,138	3,976
Fruits—				
Dried	'000 lb. 113,391	102,394	72,729	52,960
	£'000 5,764	5,572	4,615	3,406
Fresh—				
Oranges	bushels 334,754	458,819	474,653	439,545
	£'000 503	683	713	664
Apples	bushels 112,966	89,338	67,925	5,468
	£'000 155	123	110	11
Pears	bushels 1,083,558	585,769	817,111	20
	£'000 1,743	921	1,406	..
Other Fresh Fruits ..	£'000 68	41	64	6
Preserved in Liquid ..	'000 lb. 141,215	112,065	80,481	34,542
	£'000 9,801	8,687	6,306	2,737
Meats—				
Beef (chilled or frozen) ..	'000 lb. 10,359	4,396	9,155	4,704
	£'000 913	483	918	460
Lamb (frozen)	'000 lb. 58,397	50,450	28,474	22,557
	£'000 6,280	4,756	2,610	2,076
Mutton (frozen)	'000 lb. 22,237	21,434	14,822	9,850
	£'000 1,065	1,293	934	565
Pork (frozen)	'000 lb. 855	433	353	187
	£'000 113	66	67	32
Poultry (frozen)	£'000 101	49	41	9
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..	£'000 1,008	1,372	1,889	1,017
Preserved in Tins	'000 lb. 52,055	46,751	46,074	30,951
	£'000 7,002	5,643	4,760	2,952
Sausage Casings	£'000 1,408	1,533	1,249	812
All Other Meats	£'000 1,152	1,038	840	725
Milk and Cream	£'000 5,601	5,936	6,340	3,029
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool)	'000 lb. 39,304	41,480	35,866	22,223
	£'000 6,411	6,330	7,023	4,247
Rabbit and Hare	'000 lb. 2,672	2,343	1,845	1,651
	£'000 597	1,170	721	446
Other Skins	£'000 840	1,134	1,850	672
Tallow (inedible)	cwt. 143,088	354,432	358,267	245,715
	£'000 620	1,443	1,516	900
Eggs in shell	'000 doz. 3,368	2,544	1,882	2,872
	£'000 493	382	324	350
Eggs not in shell	£'000 478	343	298	291
Cheese	'000 lb. 31,579	17,992	25,461	6,897
	£'000 3,361	1,955	2,754	792

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months ended 30th September, 1957.
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,458	4,449	4,425	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. '000	7,671	8,235	8,298	8,291	2,115
Country .. '000	4,764	4,615	4,677	4,730	1,172
Goods	5,455	5,890	5,660	5,523	1,309
Total .. '000	17,890	18,740	18,635	18,544	4,596
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	160,651	160,282	162,255	41,822
Country .. '000	6,578	8,553	6,427	5,150	1,143
Total .. '000	142,124	169,204	166,709	167,405	42,965
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	9,508	9,127	8,935	2,006
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	575	480	445	108
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	6,429,202	6,262,338	6,325,849	1,521,964
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,426,415	1,324,877	1,317,393	296,768
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. miles	127·26	141·47	137·91	140·44	140·35

(a) Available for year only.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Three Months Ended 30th September, 1957.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	..	2,097	13	..	5	2,115
Country .. miles '000	132	..	436	85	519	1,172
Goods Trains .. miles '000	597	..	..	191	521	1,309
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	729	2,097	449	276	1,045	4,596

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months Ended 30th September, 1957.
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	37,697	37,042	37,363	8,794
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	2,144	..	..	(c)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	39,841	37,042	37,363	8,794
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	37,032	38,026	39,119	10,033
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	2,809	—984	—1,756	(c)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,848	3,180	3,328	(c)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—39	—4,164	—5,084	(c)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months ended December, 1957.
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	129·6	138·4	138·4	138·4
Single miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	64·1	62·5	62·5	99·2
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	21,046	22,253	22,240	10,102
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,241	5,859	5,907	2,871
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	202,437	207,914	203,323	94,451
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	56,511	37,209	34,640	16,840
Revenue—					
Traffic Receipts	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other	2,305	6,443	7,155	7,563	3,520
	15	92	88	147	83
Total Revenue	2,320	6,535	7,243	7,710	3,603
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and Appropriations	2,318	6,968	7,956	8,787	4,192
Surplus on Operation	2	..	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. ..	..	433	713	1,077	589

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1953-54 "	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55 "	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
1955-56 "	52,860	11,898	4,567	69,325	2,356
1956-57 "	47,029	9,680	3,858	60,567	1,983
6 Months ended 31st December, 1957	26,005	4,993	2,323	33,321	1,038
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1953-54 "	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55 "	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
1955-56 "	19,628	4,594	3,375	27,597	5,342
1956-57 "	20,502	4,973	3,832	29,307	4,822
6 Months ended 31st December, 1957	10,512	2,230	2,095	14,837	2,102
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1953-54 "	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55 "	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
1955-56 "	420,523	81,741	45,563	547,827	19,934
1956-57 "	454,067	84,379	49,935	588,381	18,780
6 Months ended 31st December, 1957	251,090	45,604	26,481	323,175	9,170
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1953-54 "	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55 "	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150
1955-56 "	493,011	98,233	53,505	644,749	27,632
1956-57 "	521,598	99,032	57,625	678,255	25,585
6 Months ended 31st December, 1957	287,607	52,827	30,899	371,333	12,310

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	62	41	99
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	1,535	1,034	1,276
Total, Temporary Licences ..	1,177	1,597	1,075	1,375
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,270	5,543	5,629
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,768	3,015	3,699
Total, "Discretionary" Licences ..	2,870	8,038	8,558	9,328
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,181	10,762	9,818
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,317	1,441	1,340
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,219	8,390	7,823
Primary Producers	699	10,770	10,920	11,089
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	744	765	748
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	25,385	25,095	24,172
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Waggons and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	7,791	7,097	7,116
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	64,407	64,470	62,106
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	138	118	113
Aircraft Licences .. ..	..	35	..	..
Grand Total Licences	35,970	74,215	74,221	72,922
Permits to operate temporarily outside the condition of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	8,602	7,949	7,354
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	84,668	83,049(b)	82,176
Total Permits	(a)	93,270	90,998	89,530

(a) Not available.

(b) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
<div> <div>City of Melbourne (a)</div> <div>Outside Metropolitan Area.</div> </div>						
1938-39 Year ..	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1953-54 " ..	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55 " ..	1,108	38	1,202	3,999	287	5,516
1955-56 " ..	1,075	26	1,225	4,283	364	5,951
1956-57 " ..	1,074	25	1,237	4,332	359	6,212
1954-55—						
June Quarter ..	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
1955-56—						
September Quarter	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
March Quarter ..	319	9	363	1,167	89	1,556
June Quarter ..	278	5	327	1,077	100	1,509
1956-57						
September Quarter	298	11	359	988	80	1,438
December Quarter	263	4	293	1,003	83	1,407
March Quarter ..	226	..	272	1,122	101	1,606
June Quarter ..	287	10	363	1,219	95	1,761
<div> <div>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</div> <div>Total—Victoria.</div> </div>						
1938-39 Year ..	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1953-54 " ..	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55 " ..	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56 " ..	5,248	192	6,307	10,606	582	13,483
1956-57 " ..	5,398	205	6,621	10,804	589	14,120
1954-55—						
June Quarter ..	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
1955-56—						
September Quarter	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408
March Quarter ..	1,211	35	1,465	2,697	133	3,384
June Quarter ..	1,424	80	1,639	2,779	185	3,475
1956-57—						
September Quarter	1,379	66	1,657	2,665	157	3,454
December Quarter	1,440	44	1,778	2,706	131	3,478
March Quarter ..	1,196	36	1,530	2,544	137	3,408
June Quarter ..	1,383	59	1,656	2,889	164	3,780

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	17,206	20,861	22,904	25,433
Railways	9,349	35,698	37,522	37,147	37,310
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	5,393	6,343	6,860	6,929
Land	387	2,683	2,259	2,322	2,701
Interest, n.e.i.	1,881	3,054	3,664	4,138	5,081
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
„ States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	20,352	32,397	36,044	40,228
„ States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	5,622	4,959	3,399	5,826
All other Revenue	857	5,470	6,484	8,058	7,465
Total Revenue	26,986	106,605	116,616	122,999	133,100
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	44 0 0	46 17 4	47 19 2	50 8 4

(a) For details see page 27.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	10,760	12,972	15,125	16,789
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	559	533	492	480
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	2,928	3,187	3,475	3,686
Other	62	80	90	68	125
Railways	7,694	34,465	35,445	36,046	37,001
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	980	4,180	4,133	4,242	4,628
Education	3,123	17,391	19,423	23,275	26,007
Public Health	143	1,078	1,117	1,251	1,565
Hospitals	1,054	11,601	14,574	15,446	16,938
Other Charities (a)	2,302	2,867	3,559	3,973	4,409
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	6,005	6,377	7,262	8,475
All other Expenditure	2,962	13,980	13,869	15,589	17,309
Total Expenditure	27,773	105,894	115,279	126,244	137,412
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population ..	14 16 8	43 14 1	46 6 7	49 4 5	52 1 0

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	27	22	25	9
Land Tax	482	2,016	2,625	3,250	4,170
Probate Duty	1,374	5,387	6,305	7,102	7,005
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	3,685	4,171	4,380	5,249
Motor Taxation	1,914	5,883	6,330	6,778	9,399
Racing Taxation (b)	391	2,451	2,100	2,066	2,179
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	656	996	1,054	1,406
Liquor Licences	255	1,963	2,108	2,310	2,515
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. .. .	..	..	2,598	2,793	2,979
All other Taxes	110	232	242	245	258
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	17,206	20,861	22,904	25,433
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	5,094	6,636	7,099	9,736
Total State Collections	12,023	22,300	27,497	30,003	35,169
Tax Reimbursement by Commonwealth .. .. .	..	29,352	32,397	36,044	40,228
Grand Total	12,023	51,652	59,894	66,047	75,397
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of Population—					
State Collections	6 8 5	9 4 1	11 1 0	11 13 11	13 6 5
Commonwealth Reimbursement .. .. .	..	12 2 3	13 0 5	14 1 1	15 4 9
Total	6 8 5	21 6 4	24 1 5	25 15 0	28 11 2

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1957.
	1955.	1956.	1957.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	8,183	7,867	7,407	112,918
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,126	1,106	733	21,146
Water Supply and Sewerage	9,565	7,780	7,599	100,923
Electricity Supply	2,000	1,000	3,400	47,489
Public Buildings—				
Schools	5,374	6,885	7,440	44,910
Hospitals	4,790	5,124	5,901	34,122
Other	1,070	1,215	1,345	9,145
Housing	147	105	320	10,386
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	573	817	834	10,930
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,999	3,900	3,580	92,203
Advances to Settlers (b) .. .. .	..	..	50	3,815
Wire Netting Advances .. .. .	..	..	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. .	..	..	..	1,404
Forestry	899	800	750	15,531
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	7	12	142	1,007
Other Primary Production	69	69	76	2,042
Coal (Overseas Purchase) .. .. .	..	..	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	1,195	1,170	130	11,889
Rural Finance Corporation	800	920	920	6,659
Other Purposes	155	360	323	2,230
Total Public Works, &c.	40,952	39,130	40,950	574,033
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	..	3,246	18,701
Grand Total	40,952	39,130	44,196	592,734

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7
1956	44,705	3,430	397,578	445,713	171 1 10
1957	33,759	3,504	439,555	481,818	180 4 5

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55.4
„ 1953-54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49.0
„ 1954-55	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52.6
„ 1955-56	104,128	370,587	474,715	263,064	55.4
„ 1956-57	111,262	365,983	477,245	246,633	51.7
Quarter ended September, 1956 ..	106,525	343,960	450,485	256,247	56.9
„ „ December, 1956 ..	110,565	362,314	472,879	247,774	52.4
„ „ March, 1957 ..	113,964	379,292	493,256	237,245	48.1
„ „ June, 1957 ..	113,994	378,366	492,360	245,266	49.8
„ „ September, 1957 ..	119,987	358,761	478,748	247,464	51.7
„ „ December, 1957 ..	127,908	380,663	508,571	247,810	48.7
1956—Month of July	107,682	346,285	453,967	259,827	57.2
„ „ August	105,445	342,534	447,979	256,127	57.2
„ „ September	106,717	343,418	450,135	252,818	56.1
„ „ October	110,372	353,094	463,466	252,571	54.5
„ „ November	109,457	364,813	474,270	247,535	52.2
„ „ December	111,916	371,341	483,257	242,018	50.1
1957 Month of July	120,377	362,038	482,415	249,780	51.8
„ „ August	118,840	355,150	473,990	247,926	52.3
„ „ September	120,646	358,278	478,924	244,106	51.0
„ „ October	126,143	369,707	495,850	247,039	49.8
„ „ November	128,478	380,450	508,928	250,121	49.1
„ „ December	129,217	391,791	521,008	246,732	47.4

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,328,831
1957	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,888,323
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,473,267
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,225,359
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,408,006
1957—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,374,809
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,597,859
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,376,811
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,538,844

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank. (a)	Common- wealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1950	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
1956	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148 4 9
1957	266,276	114,542	30,751	411,569	153 11 5
At 31st December, 1957 ..	268,080	116,462	38,476	423,018	(c) 157 2 0

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES: HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by
retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period. (Quarter ended.)	New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
	Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.					
Year 1955	75,583	4,632	155,893	236,108	..
1956	79,669	5,385	150,883	235,937	..
1956—March	18,630	1,187	41,701	61,518	..
June	18,998	1,189	34,446	54,633	..
September	20,676	1,319	33,695	55,690	..
December	21,365	1,690	41,041	64,096	..
1957—March	19,908	1,292	41,058	62,258	..
June	19,781	1,228	42,063	63,072	..
September	21,473	1,089	43,993	66,555	..
December	25,775	1,707	51,416	78,898	..
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).					
Year—1955	55,146	2,736	12,452	70,334	..
1956	58,845	3,258	12,511	74,614	..
1956—March	13,291	715	3,709	17,715	..
June	14,550	799	2,559	17,908	..
September	15,239	773	2,526	18,588	..
December	15,715	971	3,717	20,403	..
1957—March	13,827	863	3,918	18,608	..
June	14,302	1,132	4,846	20,280	..
September	14,999	780	5,595	21,374	..
December	18,693	1,255	6,347	26,295	..
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).					
Year—1955 (at December) ..	33,143	1,663	10,204	45,010	53,180
1956 (at December) ..	36,072	2,016	10,046	48,134	61,023
1956—March	7,987	430	2,975	11,392	55,030
June	8,707	489	2,068	11,264	56,025
September	9,506	494	2,018	12,018	57,748
December	9,872	603	2,935	13,460	61,023
1957—March	8,725	525	3,146	12,396	61,854
June	8,966	749	3,926	13,641	64,042
September	9,417	486	4,539	14,442	67,361
December	11,817	771	5,142	17,730	73,993

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

Period.	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total Mortgages (a)	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1955 Year	31,886	51,998	1,325	23,555	33,211	75,553
1956 „	31,152	53,565	1,566	26,358	32,718	79,923
1955—September Quarter ..	8,357	13,443	371	6,294	8,728	19,737
December Quarter ..	8,873	14,900	350	5,845	9,223	20,745
1956—March Quarter ..	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941
June Quarter ..	8,120	13,879	424	7,218	8,544	21,097
September Quarter ..	8,292	14,350	447	7,613	8,739	21,963
December Quarter ..	7,425	13,013	349	4,909	7,774	17,922
1957—						
March Quarter ..	7,374	13,405	388	6,368	7,762	19,773
June Quarter ..	8,564	15,824	379	4,077	8,943	19,901

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955 and 4,710 during 1956.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING
THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1957.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a)	1,976	3,247	33	360	2,009	3,607
Building Societies	670	1,158	1	20	671	1,178
Co-operative Housing Societies	2,204	4,982	..	..	2,204	4,982
Friendly Societies	18	28	..	..	18	28
Insurance Companies ..	1,015	2,559	168	4,254	1,183	6,813
Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) ..	2,987	6,612	61	455	3,048	7,067
Trustee Institutions	127	277	38	747	165	1,024
Other Mortgages	6,941	10,366	466	4,609	7,407	14,975
Total	15,938	29,229	767	10,445	16,705	39,674
Proportion of Total Mortgages	% 95·4	% 73·7	% 4·6	% 26·3	% 100·0	% 100·0

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 2,831 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—			
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Number registered during period—				
Victorian Trading	537	1,937	2,081	2,410
Foreign	37	141	148	170
Mining	28	3	4	2
Total	602	2,081	2,233	2,582
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	17,302	96,189	98,702	125,550
Foreign	8,975	91,670	99,875	63,921
Mining .. .. .	..	11	110	21
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—				
Victorian Trading	10,229	16,573	18,537	20,487
Foreign	643	1,420	1,548	1,677
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	90,997	77,163	117,685
Mining	1,097	1,999	4,170	9,077

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	North- ern.	North- Central.	North- Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps- land.	
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
	12·49	17·52	18·09	28·16	34·81	27·59	28·89	33·47	24·30
Year—									
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1956 ..	20·85	24·31	31·45	41·17	55·59	34·02	34·29	44·25	34·69
1957 ..	9·67	14·87	13·55	23·01	27·32	26·82	24·85	31·98	21·03
1956—									
July ..	2·73	2·93	3·83	4·47	6·37	3·21	2·63	2·62	3·48
August ..	1·21	2·07	1·64	4·02	4·30	4·43	3·54	3·86	3·00
September ..	1·73	2·22	1·91	3·62	3·87	2·70	3·58	3·92	2·82
October ..	3·00	2·44	3·75	4·28	4·91	3·13	4·41	4·03	3·61
November ..	0·82	0·76	1·35	2·20	2·31	2·08	2·53	4·02	1·97
December ..	0·12	0·42	0·21	0·74	1·10	1·80	1·50	2·25	1·03
1957—									
July ..	0·70	1·08	1·80	2·41	2·98	1·25	3·60	4·69	2·18
August ..	0·77	1·47	0·94	1·79	1·85	2·62	1·89	2·73	1·75
September ..	0·32	1·10	0·85	2·34	2·29	3·57	3·12	3·85	2·11
October ..	0·72	1·78	1·54	2·89	3·27	3·01	3·21	3·61	2·38
November ..	0·39	1·12	0·74	2·17	1·45	2·41	2·58	3·57	1·73
December ..	0·57	0·54	0·79	1·54	3·33	2·20	1·77	2·56	1·65

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTRIES FOR SEASON 1956-57.

Districts and Counties.				Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
				Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central .. .. .				..	..	..	28·19
Grant				6,847	201,345	29·41	..
North-Central .. .. .				..	..	..	15·48
Talbot				5,836	91,139	15·62	..
Western .. .. .				..	..	..	16·60
Grenville				2,912	65,600	22·53	..
Hampden				1,893	29,832	15·76	..
Ripon				4,207	52,892	12·57	..
Wimmera .. .. .				..	..	..	25·75
Lowan				108,477	2,550,060	23·51	..
Borung				276,143	7,316,484	26·50	..
Kara Kara				73,366	1,927,736	26·28	..
Mallee .. .. .				..	..	..	22·15
Millewa				62,434	1,187,317	19·02	..
Weeah				90,106	1,579,985	17·53	..
Karkarooc				481,307	10,289,608	21·38	..
Tatchera				299,126	7,611,612	25·45	..
Northern .. .. .				..	..	..	15·50
Gunbower				5,366	100,279	18·69	..
Gladstone				49,983	837,819	16·76	..
Bendigo				35,380	503,713	14·24	..
Rodney				13,399	205,852	15·36	..
Moirs				40,008	586,605	14·66	..
North-Eastern .. .. .				..	..	..	12·57
Bogong				3,834	47,271	12·33	..
Gippsland .. .. .				..	..	..	24·84
Tanjil				412	13,265	32·20	..
Remaining Counties				4,184	83,774	20·02	..
Grain				1,565,220	35,282,188	22·54	..
Hay				19,332	..	..	..
Total				1,584,552	..	..	..

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1951-52	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
1955-56	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	879,288	37,020	35,298	50,913
1956-57	1,565,220	612,587	345,282	(c)781,952	39,706	34,868	47,308

Total Production.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
1955-56	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	1,525,997	163,239	34,568	..
1956-57	35,282,188	9,555,123	7,549,140	1,423,341	227,307	54,039	..

Average Yield per Acre.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..
1954-55	20·28	15·55	17·63	1·63	4·69	1·50	..
1955-56	19·19	17·06	22·25	1·74	4·41	0·98	..
1956-57	22·54	15·60	21·86	1·82	5·72	1·55	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1956-57 amounted to 2,308, 4,573, and 3,153 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1956-57 was 16,011 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 19,332 acres, oaten 122,844 acres and lucerne 58,361 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	140,818	1,540,730	829,454	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	132,172	1,599,721	856,582	2,456,303	263,666	22,329,515
1956	118,705	1,662,548	954,039	2,616,587	227,223	23,343,212
1957	107,859	1,720,564	1,044,485	(a)2,765,049	258,336	(a)25,830,544

(a) The highest numbers ever recorded.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1951-52	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16
1955-56	238,546	34,810	273,356	69,020	60·60
1956-57	270,366	29,206	299,572	97,659	78·24

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	142,980	60,221	15,394	38,435	40,263	7,720	305,013
North-Central	18,003	10,717	2,932	6,337	7,728	1,303	47,020
Western	158,110	104,705	26,079	51,318	51,223	10,716	402,151
Wimmera	12,920	8,859	3,197	4,024	6,472	1,711	37,183
Mallee	14,021	5,683	2,246	3,718	5,811	1,186	32,665
Northern	138,267	37,656	18,153	35,028	47,350	7,611	284,065
North-Eastern	55,013	46,870	17,098	16,779	24,199	3,949	163,908
Gippsland	233,959	64,309	22,938	51,830	64,985	10,538	448,559
Totals at 31st March, 1957	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	1,720,564
Totals at 31st March—							
1953	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	1,476,980
1954	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	1,540,730
1955	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	1,599,721
1956	780,132	291,305	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	1,662,548
1957	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	1,720,564

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	28,248	1,052,087	91,749	641,483	421,239	2,234,806
North-Central	20,928	805,616	60,373	669,482	350,476	1,906,875
Western	98,135	3,376,135	420,587	2,511,696	1,730,540	8,137,093
Wimmera	42,192	1,737,966	174,195	1,391,587	919,541	4,265,481
Mallee	20,246	1,086,179	19,922	293,988	493,457	1,913,792
Northern	55,760	2,303,893	77,949	763,079	1,010,692	4,211,373
North-Eastern	22,652	940,123	48,462	406,929	364,268	1,782,434
Gippsland	14,522	628,578	48,885	398,863	287,842	1,378,690
Totals at 31st March, 1957	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544
Totals at 31st March—						
1953	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	22,329,515
1956	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212
1957	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544

(a) Includes breeding ewes not mated, 726,816 this season as compared with 768,078 in the previous season (1956).

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.		Year Ended 30th June—			
		1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Factories	.. .. . No.	9,250	15,533	15,861	16,053
Persons employed (a)—					
Males	.. .. . No.	136,218	240,698	251,675	258,006
Females	.. .. . No.	65,613	90,579	94,973	97,179
Total	.. .. . No.	201,831	331,277	346,648	355,185
Wages paid (b)—		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	.. .. .	29,006	190,573	213,377	234,784
Females	.. .. .	7,021	45,463	49,373	52,160
Total	.. .. .	36,027	236,036	262,750	286,944
Value of—		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	.. .. .	3,595	27,540	30,002	32,666
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	.. .. .	2,655	18,123	21,422	23,547
Materials used (including containers)	.. .. .	80,722	531,528	597,009	653,231
Production (net)	.. .. .	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948
Output	.. .. .	152,968	985,505	1,100,656	1,201,392
Land and buildings	.. .. .	42,026	158,389	186,324	214,921
Machinery and plant	.. .. .	38,570	181,059	226,347	258,296

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	7,730	9,302	10,408
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	6,205	7,122	7,862
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	27,346	33,067	39,959
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	138,569	157,227	174,154
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	3,103	3,169	3,376
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	43,860	43,924	45,289
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	6,464	6,588	6,439
Clothing	7,865	41,286	43,224	44,817
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	55,231	57,250	60,221
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	16,383	18,943	19,865
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,301	7,106	7,921
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.	4,930	27,373	31,287	32,300
Rubber	1,573	9,296	9,949	11,426
Musical instruments	24	296	304	377
Miscellaneous products	722	10,357	11,881	13,333
Heat, light, and power	2,328	8,514	11,880	14,201
Total	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948

Note.—“ Added Value ” is the source from which provision is made for the following :—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1955-56.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production.(a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Primary—						
Agriculture	88,902	14,098	74,804	9,115	65,689	25 12 3
Pastoral	123,757	11,715	112,042	7,222	104,820	40 17 4
Dairying	70,094	2,500	67,594	13,293	54,301	21 3 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	21,394	1,623	19,771	6,743	13,028	5 1 7
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	16,961	1,207	15,754	..	15,754	6 2 10
Mining	11,726	810	10,916	2,049	8,867	3 9 2
Total Primary ..	332,834	31,953	300,881	38,422	262,459	102 6 7
Manufacturing (c) ..	491,948	..	491,948	..	491,948	191 16 1
Total all Industries ..	824,782	31,953	792,829	38,422	754,407	294 2 8

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8
1954-55 ..	24 14 6	45 1 10	18 13 2	4 17 8	5 4 5	3 5 6	181 15 1	283 12 2
1955-56 ..	25 12 3	40 17 4	21 3 5	5 1 7	6 2 10	3 9 2	191 16 1	294 2 8

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manufactured. (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately-operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended	31st	Dec- ember—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955	133	7,721	1,505	11	875	10,112	636
1956	119	8,106	1,548	7	899	10,560	620
1957	112	7,739	1,628	465	910	10,742	619
1955—									
September Quarter	34	2,061	413	..	256	2,730	161
December Quarter	35	1,937	381	11	212	2,541	151
1956—									
March Quarter	26	1,884	361	4	190	2,439	163
June Quarter	29	2,056	395	..	222	2,673	160
September Quarter	32	2,192	427	1	261	2,881	156
December Quarter	32	1,974	365	2	226	2,567	141
1957—									
March Quarter	32	1,931	392	32	212	2,567	162
June Quarter	25	2,113	411	20	224	2,768	159
September Quarter	25	1,942	423	237	263	2,865	157
December Quarter	30	1,753	402	176	211	2,542	141

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1951-52 "	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 "	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 "	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 "	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1955-56 "	459·3	3,970·0	4,429·3	455·8	3,726·4	4,182·2
1956-57 "	440·7	4,316·5	4,757·2	437·8	4,053·3	4,491·1
1955-56—						
March Quarter	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6
June Quarter	142·6	1,059·1	1,201·7	141·7	995·7	1,137·4
1956-57—						
September Quarter	97·7	1,201·4	1,299·1	96·7	1,132·1	1,228·8
December Quarter	176·4	962·9	1,139·3	175·5	901·9	1,077·4
March Quarter	67·3	1,011·0	1,078·3	66·8	946·8	1,013·6
June Quarter	99·3	1,141·2	1,240·5	98·8	1,072·5	1,171·3
1957-58—						
September Quarter	135·3	1,232·7	1,368·0	134·5	1,158·0	1,292·5
December Quarter	145·7	1,039·8	1,185·5	144·9	974·4	1,119·3

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1956-57, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1948 "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1953 "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 "	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955 "	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1956 "	13,023	44,059	1,296	14,600	21,051	12,431	35,370	71,090
1957 "	13,724	48,469	1,314	12,131	23,419	14,142	38,457	74,742
1956—								
March Quarter	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,973	8,781	17,239
June Quarter	3,483	11,912	353	4,853	5,800	3,158	9,636	19,923
September Quarter..	3,117	10,809	316	4,168	5,276	3,511	8,709	18,488
December Quarter ..	2,990	9,972	352	2,678	4,902	2,790	8,244	15,440
1957—								
March Quarter	3,095	11,019	270	2,154	5,297	3,182	8,662	16,355
June Quarter	3,390	11,848	327	2,980	5,959	3,237	9,676	18,065
September Quarter ..	3,775	13,118	384	4,341	6,253	3,580	10,412	21,039
December Quarter ..	3,464	12,484	333	2,656	5,910	4,143	9,707	19,283

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£,000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1948 „	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 „	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 „	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 „	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 „	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 „	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 „	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955 „	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,567
1956 „	798	2,630	179	2,285	1,526	1,143	2,503	6,058
1957 „	824	2,794	114	1,250	1,610	1,596	2,548	5,640
1955—								
September Quarter..	243	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
December Quarter ..	207	642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369
June Quarter ..	207	674	44	580	456	358	707	1,612
September Quarter ..	181	633	49	438	377	293	607	1,364
December Quarter ..	209	701	47	793	341	219	597	1,713
1957—								
March Quarter ..	188	608	20	251	345	704	553	1,563
June Quarter ..	213	746	29	685	404	283	646	1,717
September Quarter..	226	765	36	192	474	299	736	1,256
December Quarter ..	197	675	29	122	387	307	613	1,104

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let (a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 „ ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 „ ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 „ ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 „ ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 „ ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 „ ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 „ ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 „ ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 „ ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 „ ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 „ ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 „ ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1955-56 „ ..	1,029(b)	1,109	2,138	2,625(b)	1,527	4,152
1956-57 „ ..	1,353(b)	1,059	2,412	1,438(b)	1,142	2,580
1955-56—						
March Quarter ..	121	276	397	601	289	890
June Quarter ..	130	111	241	801	433	1,234
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	214	219	433	360	314	674
December Quarter ..	268	128	396	389	338	727
March Quarter ..	480	327	807	268	206	474
June Quarter ..	391	385	776	421	284	705
1957-58—						
September Quarter ..	311	254	565	286	216	502
December Quarter ..	540	282	822	289	288	577
Grand Total to 31st December, 1957 ..	22,396(b)	15,126	37,522	21,510(b)	14,354	35,864

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.

HOUSES SOLD.

The number of Housing Commission houses sold to 31st December, 1957, was 3,928. This figure is subject to revision.

ESTIMATED POPULATIONS AND DWELLINGS IN VICTORIA AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1957.

Statistical Divisions.					Population at Census 30th June, 1954.	Dwellings at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Population at 30th June, 1957.	Estimated Dwellings at 30th June, 1957.
Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	1,524,111	431,647	1,677,100	478,799
Central	..	..	..	..	209,447	63,742	236,070	72,343
North Central	..	..	..	..	67,741	18,846	68,700	19,574
Western	..	..	..	..	180,051	49,188	190,660	52,485
Wimmera	..	..	..	..	57,686	16,249	60,290	17,054
Mallee	..	..	..	..	58,070	15,300	60,870	16,161
Northern	..	..	..	..	139,893	38,739	149,750	41,663
North-Eastern	..	..	..	..	78,770	20,044	85,540	21,446
Gippsland	..	..	..	..	128,531	34,426	136,480	37,018
Migratory	..	..	..	..	8,041	..	8,038	..
Total Victoria					2,452,341	688,181	2,673,498	756,543
<i>Victoria.</i>								
Municipalities—								
Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	1,524,111	431,647	1,677,100	478,799
Rest of State	..	..	..	..	914,431	255,282	983,010	276,442
Yallourn Works Area	..	..	..	..	5,580	1,213	5,170	1,263
Not Incorporated	..	..	..	..	178	39	180	39
Migratory	..	..	..	..	8,041	..	8,038	..
Total Victoria					2,452,341	688,181	2,673,498	756,543
<i>Urban Areas.</i>								
Geelong and Suburbs	..	..	..	..	72,595	19,006	82,820	22,413
Ballarat and Suburbs	..	..	..	..	48,030	13,104	51,330	14,041
Bendigo and Suburbs	..	..	..	..	36,918	10,726	39,370	11,508